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SUBJECT: LEBANON: JUMBLATT ON POSSIBLE NEW UNSCR, NATIONAL  
DIALOGUE; RIZK ON UNIIIC EXTENSION

REF: A. BEIRUT 584

1B. BEIRUT 573

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires a.i. Michele J. Sison for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

SUMMARY

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1. (C) March 14 leader Walid Jumblatt questioned the utility of a new UN Security Council resolution on Lebanon if it does not address the bor

2. (C) The Charge, accompanied by PolOff, met with Druze leader Walid Jumblatt at his residence in Clemenceau on April 30. Justice Minister Ct  
HESITATION OVER A NEW UNSCR, OPEN DISCUSSION ON 1559

3. (C) Jumblatt questioned whether a new UN Security Council resolution focused on putting the Lebanon-Syria relationship on track (Ref A) wou  
MARCH 14 MARCHING AHEAD

4. (C) "It is an injustice that Berri won't see Saad," complained Jumblatt. Noting that Sheikh Qabalan, head of the Higher Islamic Shia Council

5. (C) Jumblatt stressed that a president must first be elected prior to discussing cabinet formation. Unsure about whether Lebanese Armed For

6. (C) Jumblatt reported that he will not see Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa when Moussa arrives in Beirut  
SIPDIS May 1 because he is going to Jordan to see King Abdullah, and then hopes to meet Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abu Gheit. Nonchalant

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14, "slowly but surely." However, he wondered where French policy stands today.

HOW THE U.S. CAN HELP

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7. (C) When asked how the USG could best support Lebanon at this juncture, Jumblatt said he was pleased to see the USG's recent public stateme

8. (C) Jumblatt noted that the GOL had yet to receive the \$1 billion central bank deposit promised by the Saudis. Minister Tohme opined that t  
CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF UNIIIC

9. (C) Jumblatt said the Special Tribunal was "not enough" to intimidate Syria. Rizk chimed in to acknowledge that work on the Special Tribuna

10. (C) Rizk pointed out that Bellemare should not be disassociating UNIIIC from the detention of the four generals suspected of involvement i

11. (C) The GOL had not yet formally agreed to send a letter to the UNSC requesting a six-month extension of UNIIIC's mandate, Rizk reported,  
GOL STILL PONDERING HOW TO REACT TO HIZBALLAH FIBER OPTIC NETWORK

12. (S) Meanwhile, in a separate conversation on Hizballah's progress in establishing a fiber optic network, Siniora's senior advisor Mohammed  
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